Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims replaces all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1-31. (Cancelled)

32. (Original) A method of accumulating currency in an automatic transaction system comprising:

      receiving an inserted coin in a coin mechanism;

      routing the coin to one of a plurality of coin storage tubes; and

      generating a signal indicating that the coin was routed to a cash box.

33. (Original) The method of claim 32 further comprising controlling a bill validator, in response to said signal, to accept bills of a specified denomination.

34. (Original) A method of accumulating currency in an automatic transaction system comprising:

      receiving an inserted coin in a coin mechanism;

      routing the coin to a cash box;

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generating a signal indicating that the coin was routed to one of a plurality of coin storage tubes.

35. (Original) The method of claim 34 further comprising controlling a bill validator, in response to said signal, so as to reject bills of a specified denomination.

36. (New) A method comprising:

removing a first cassette from a coin validator, wherein the first cassette has a first physical arrangement of coin tubes;

providing the coin validator with a second cassette in place of the first cassette, wherein the second cassette has a second, physical arrangement of coin tubes that differs from the first arrangement;

using a keypad to enter a code that identifies the second arrangement of coin tubes to the coin validator; and

operating the coin validator with the second cassette attached to the coin validator.

37. (New) The method of claim 36 wherein the code comprises a plurality of letters.

38. (New) The method of claim 36 wherein the code comprises a plurality of numbers.

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39. (New) The method of claim 36 wherein the code comprises a combination of letters and numbers.

40. (New) The method of claim 36 wherein the code comprises a specified sequence of letters and numbers.

41. (New) The method of claim 36 further comprising storing coins accepted by the coin validator in the coin tubes of the second cassette.

42. (New) A method comprising:

entering a code through a keypad, wherein the code identifies a physical arrangement of coin tubes in a cassette attached to a coin validator, wherein the cassette is one of a plurality of cassettes each of which has a different physical arrangement of coin tubes and wherein the coin validator is operable with any one of the plurality of cassettes installed therein; and

operating the coin validator with the cassette attached to the coin validator.

43. (New) An apparatus comprising:

a coin validator operable with any one of a plurality of cassettes each of which has a different physical arrangement of coin tubes; and

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a keypad coupled to the coin validator for identifying a physical arrangement of

coin tubes for a particular cassette with which the coin validator is to be operated.